



A collective voice

Students come together to combat derogatory language

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After racial slurs circulated on social media Aug. 24, students and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have come together to lift each other up and combat prejudice.

The racial slurs were circulated via a freshman seminar GroupMe and included phrases like: “God I hate n*****.” and “F***** n***** amiright?”

The language shocked faculty and concerned new students who had not even been on campus for a full 48 hours.

Senior Sasha Quarles said her initial concern was the incoming freshman, as this happened on the first day after freshmen moved in.

“My initial reaction was just shock that someone is comfortable

saying things about people that they don’t even know and just worried about our freshmen and how it made them feel,” Quarles said.

Immediately following the news breaking of the report of the racial slur, University Police began an investigation. At this point, the investigation is ongoing but it has been confirmed the user had been hacked.

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Justin Mallett said the DEI office immediately began mobilizing to come up with a way that students could express their thoughts and feel comfortable. A meeting in the DEI office was organized within minutes of the investigation’s announcement.

Diversity Coordinator Adam Gonzales said the language that was used was unsettling to everyone who attended the meeting.

“Students were genuinely con-

cerned with the comments that were made, as you can imagine,” Gonzales said. “So through the forum, a lot of the first year students were concerned as far as safety and well- being on campus. Whether they were going to be welcome or whether they were going to be perceived in a certain light just for being themselves.”

Gonzales said the forum was meant to reassure students that they have a place at Northwest.

“The reason for the forum was to create a safe space to remind students that this is a safe space for them. But also to affirm for them the fact that they are welcome here, they do belong here, they don’t need permission to exist on campus,” Gonzales said.

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- 1. Antonio Morgan, junior**
“Don’t let the bias of others stop you from being great.”
- 2. Sasha Quarles, senior**
“Don’t make yourself uncomfortable to make other feel comfortable.”
- 3. N’ninah Freelon, senior**
“Get connected and get involved, this is the only way to bring togetherness and unity.”
- 4. Cynthia Marshall, senior**
“Kill others with kindness, but also stand up for yourself.”
- 5. Domonique Jackson, freshman**
“Stay involved on campus, you’ll feel a lot more comfortable.”
- 6. Estella Nesseh, senior**
“We want you to know we are here.”
- 7. Khristian Nivens, senior**
“Make sure you attend class and give your all.”

- 8. Janay Orange, senior**
“Get comfortable with being uncomfortable.”
- 9. Jusani Jackson, senior**
“We need to come together as a whole, not just one minority, to show we won’t stand for this on our campus.”
- 10. Daryjhaya Stark, junior**
“Don’t be afraid to fight back. Your voice is powerful and will be heard.”
- 11. Mariah Barnes, senior**
“Never give up, stay strong and speak up.”
- 12. Ramon Douglas, sophomore**
“Stay close to your peers and don’t let words affect you.”

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Powerful discussions exemplify Student Climate Forum

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The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion held a forum Aug. 28 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom, one that left a powerful impact on those in attendance.

The Student Climate Forum allowed students, faculty and administrators to share their thoughts, experiences and discuss ways to make Northwest a more inclusive campus, after it was revealed that a GroupMe chat included racist, homophobic and derogatory comments.

A diverse panel of student leaders from student senate, student affairs, support services, Board of Regents and the athletic department were present to discuss issues and answer questions from audience members.

Northwest President John Jasinski and DEI Vice President Juanita Simmons opened the forum with speeches.

“We care about each and every one of you, we care about each other, we care about your safety and we care about your sense of belonging,” Jasinski said. “We know that a bigoted message was put on a text

chat, we can use this opportunity to talk about issues... and how we’re feeling because it brings up deep seeded thoughts.”

Simmons called the forum a celebration, because it epitomized the student’s resiliency and understanding of Northwest’s values and mission despite the incident that transpired.

Forum panelists were asked about their responses to the chat incident.

“It shook us, because us that have been here on campus for so long, we know what it means to truly be a Bearcat,” Student Senate President Alyssa Lincoln said. “This is not indicative of Bearcat culture.”

Panelists Estella Wesseh, a student mentor, delivered a powerful message of advice to those who ever hear or see language like this in a public or private setting.

“This is the time we have to speak up for each other because there are people who are afraid to actually say ‘that’s not OK,’ because they’re worried about other people’s opinions,” Wesseh said. “This is why we’re in college, to define who you are, and if you’re

here just listening to other people’s opinions and not thinking for yourself, then you should step back and think ‘why am I here?’”

She promised if more people could learn to speak up, it would inspire courage in others to do the same.

Lincoln advised any student to find a profound student leader to look up to and embody.

Many of the panelists spoke about difficult personal experiences involving racism, homophobia and bigotry.

Wesseh revealed she was once called the n-word by a disgruntled customer while working the drive-thru at a previous job.

An ignorant response to the incident by her manager made the situation even more unsettling, she said.

“That was my first encounter being in America and having that happen to me,” Wesseh said. “His response showed that there’s a lack of education and communication going on.”

Panelist Daph Bergren, a member of the LGBTQ community, dis-



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Panelist Deallon Walton weighs options to enhance inclusivity at the Student Climate Forum Aug. 28.

cussed a similar incident that occurred to her while she was at work.

“This was during pride month, my name tag was decorated with a pride flag,” Bergren said. “This gal walked in with her kid ... she looked at me and looked at my nametag and grabbed her kid and was muttering to her as she was walking away ‘no that’s wrong, you

can’t even engage with those kinds of people.”

Their experiences were a reminder of the racism, bigotry and intolerance that still exist toward people of different races, nationalities and sexual orientations.

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Leisure and Society taught by Damon Leiss is among several classes to be taught on the second floor of Hughes Fieldhouse, in addition to the new facility hosting various SAC and intramural sporting events.

Campus renovations continue

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Returning students and faculty can expect to see some significant additions and changes to Northwest’s campus coming into the new school year.

While some are more apparent than others, numerous renovations and projects were carried out over summer break to improve the cosmetic and structural design of multiple buildings, new and old.

When asked about how the number and depth of projects and renovations for this year compared to previous years, Allen Mays, Assistant Vice President of Facility Services and Capital Projects, said this was a “champion year by far.”

“This is probably the biggest summer we’ve had for delivery of projects because it’s so widespread,” Mays said. “Whether you’re a student, faculty member, staff member or just a visitor to campus, I think there’s a little bit of something for everybody to be impacted by.”

One of the largest projects was the Hughes Fieldhouse, a \$21 million project that began last June.

The Fieldhouse is expected to open Oct. 12, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to coincide with homecoming.

Over the summer, the Fieldhouse made significant strides in its development.

“It’s a large scale project that

took a lot of people, a lot of effort,” Mays said. “Probably the biggest impact for students will be Hughes Fieldhouse.”

Notable renovations to Wells Hall took place over the summer, which saw a complete overhaul of its flooring, replacing it with brand new carpet in addition to electrical work that Scott Kuhlemeyer, Manager of Capital Improvements, said was made to improve safety.

“The building hadn’t seen any renovation work in quite some time, so it was certainly due,” Kuhlemeyer said. “We also did some work in the KXCV studio, adding public and studio space.”

Almost \$5 million worth of renovations were made to Franken Hall, which Mays said was probably the most impactful improvement for students next to Hughes Fieldhouse.

Renovations to the 50-year-old building was the latest in Northwest’s residential master plan to improve four of its high-rise buildings.

Dieterich and Millikan Hall underwent renovations focused primarily on lower public spaces like the lounge and lobby in previous years.

Franken’s renovations included cosmetic and infrastructure improvements not only to lower levels but throughout the building.

“We took out a dividing wall and opened the (pool room) area up to make it look bigger and brighter with new LED lights,” Kuhlemeyer

er said. “On the sixth and seventh floors, we created some suites fitted for four to six people.”

Alongside main floor lounge upgrades, renovations included new student room paint and furniture like hallway carpet, beds, wardrobes, desks, dressers and windows.

Two of the ironing rooms on each floor were converted into new lounge areas as well as the addition of two private bathrooms.

In addition to projects already completed, facility services is working on a variety of new projects.

“If you’re an ag student too, we’re beginning to build a new farmhouse and add some new roadways,” Mays said. “We just embarked on an agreement and relationship with Tenaska, a wind energy company, to build new transmission lines and maybe a large wind turbine.”

A new restaurant, Mooyah, which serves burgers, fries and shakes, is going to be added to the Station.

“We just entered into a contract last week, it’s going to be a very fast-paced project,” Mays said. “We anticipate that project to be completed by late October.”

Overall, Kuhlemeyer said he’s heard a lot of wows from people who have seen the new and improved campus.

“I think it’s a champion year, I don’t know if we’ll hit another year quite like this one, this was a special, special year,” Mays said.

Northwest frats undergo change

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Northwest Greek Life is undergoing transformation after several fraternities experienced change.

Phi Kappa Alpha is seeking to become a fully established University organization. Phi Delta had its charter pulled due to a low number of active members. Tau Kappa Epsilon is back this semester after being suspended for allegations of sexual misconduct.

Phi Sigma Kappa is suspended for two years on the basis of hazing allegations. The Sigma Phi Epsilon house was remodeled after being shut down last winter due to water damage.

Phi Kappa Alpha (PIKE)

PIKE will begin recruiting and colonizing their fraternity starting this fall.

PIKE Expansion Consultants Jared Campbell and Rick Seal will be leading the recruitment process.

“We’ll come in and meet with campus leaders, administration, coaches, athletes and athletic directors to assess how we can be most successful on campus and get recommendations for some men that we can talk to as well,” Campbell said. “Once we have a good foundation, we’ll start meeting with men.”

Campbell and Seal will be at Northwest for seven weeks. Campbell said they will be recruiting for five to six weeks. In the final few weeks of their process, they plan on setting up recruitments with an alumni and advisory board.

“By the time we leave campus, we’ll have a fully established new chapter,” Campbell said.

Campbell said PIKE headquarters chose to bring a chapter to Northwest based on the variety of undergraduate programs, opportunity options and athletic excellence.

“We feel that the Midwest is truly one of the strongest footholds for PIKE in general,” Campbell said. “We feel like Northwest is such a strong campus, if we can come and start a new chapter there, we would not only help the University but it would help us as an organization as well.”

Campbell said they recruit men based off of PIKE’s four pillars: scholars, leaders, athletes and gentlemen.

“Our main goal is to establish a mutual and beneficial relationship between PIKE and Northwest Missouri State,” Campbell said. “We want to be able to help the University and help Greek Life there as much as we can while having a

successful organization at the same time ourselves.”

Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE)

TKE began its first semester back after being suspended in November 2015 for sexual misconduct.

TKE Vice President Garrett Niemeier said the fraternity is working to put a new face to TKE this semester.

“We’re trying to start off on a brand new foot,” Niemeier said. “We have a big, diverse group of guys, which you’ll see in other fraternities and sororities similar characteristics. We have people from international, we have people from India, Spain, we have people who do computer science, we have them in education, we have a bunch of gamers. We want to steer away from everything in the past, we want to look forward and not look back.”

Niemeier said he is working on several philanthropy projects. He also said the house will be a dry house, and hopes that will continue even after he becomes an alum.

“Look for us to come back, busting the door down this semester,” Niemeier said.

Phi Delta Theta

The Phi Delta Theta National pulled the Northwest chapter’s charter over the summer due to continued low numbers of active fraternity members. The fraternity is expecting to be reinstated in 2020.

Phi Delta Theta National requires all chapters to have either a minimum of 40 active members or the campus average. Before having their charter pulled, the Northwest chapter had eight active members.

Phi Delta Theta President Dakota Shields said it was hard to recruit and keep men in their fraternity.

“I think in an unbiased, long-term kind of thing it’s good,” Shields said. “I think it’s really going to help Phi Delt in the long run. For me personally, it’s kind of sad of course.”

Despite Phi Delta Theta being suspended, Shields said the bond of brotherhood they created will go on. They plan on continuing their show of support for Greek life by attending fundraisers and other events.

“I think it’s important to note that we didn’t get kicked because we were hazing anybody or doing something awful, we were just small,” Shields said. “We’re just a good group of guys that had a little trouble recruiting.”

Sorority rush week starts Sept. 7. Fraternity rush week starts Sept. 10.

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Meeting aimed to promote, increase civility at Northwest

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Five panel members representing a larger committee jump-started a conversation about incivility on campus in a meeting held with University faculty Aug. 22.

The panel was composed of Associate Professor Sue Myllykangas, Student Activities Council President Shyla Kallhoff, Assistant Professor Ildiko Olasz, Associate Professor John Gallaher and DEI Representative Gabrielle Fields.

Although the event was advertised as a civility “training,” Myllykangas opened the panel by establishing it was not training, but the beginning of a larger discussion and a series of changes on campus.

“Incivility can be actions as well as a lack of action,” Myllykangas said. “Incivility can be

disrespect, blatantly ignoring others or tuning them out when they speak. It can also be not valuing someone’s input, not contributing, not sharing information or not allocating resources and opportunities equitably.”

Myllykangas said concerns about incivility on campus first arose during the 2015-2016 school year during her time as Faculty Senate vice president. These concerns only increased as she stepped into the Faculty Senate president role the following year.

This was when Myllykangas and her then Vice President Gallaher began to work with Student Senate, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, the Board of Regents and the administration to discuss how to align University policies better with the University’s five strategic objectives.

“It was when we started to get everybody’s voice at the table that we started to hear about the imbalances, the inequities, the incivilities, the stress and the pressure that everyone was under,” Myllykangas said. “Those conversations started to rise to the top really quickly.”

During the presentation, Gallaher showed a clip from a 2011 CBS news story about incivility in the workplace, which featured author Jason Ryan Dorsey.

Dorsey’s research attributes the vast majority of workplace incivility to stress and what he calls “survival mode” the pressure to outperform coworkers or lose one’s job in a highly competitive job market.

Since 2011, the tension in corporations has spread to universities, especially Missouri universities, where budget cuts are at the

forefront of educators’ minds.

While Myllykangas, Gallaher, Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Juanita Simmons and others discussed the issue, one big question arose within the group: “How are we going to making it through this stressful and chaotic time in higher education?”

Myllykangas described the climate within higher education today as the “perfect storm” of financial pressures of budget cuts, higher employee turnover, enrollment competition throughout the state and the growing belief nationwide that higher education is not worth the cost: to consumers or the government.

Budget cuts within a university can send faculty into “survival mode,” where they feel like a position or department could be cut at any time. Myllykangas de-

scribed how easy it is to forget the person you’re working with is a human being with problems and a personal life when you see them as a competitor.

“We’re at risk of becoming a place where people don’t want to work. Our culture is starting to be influenced by the stressors that we’re under,” Myllykangas said.

Gallaher impressed upon the group that everyone benefits from a “stronger, more vibrant atmosphere of collaboration.” If there is respect within the workplace.

However, incivility does not only affect the quality of a work environment for employees, it has a tangible effect on productivity.

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University receives donation to support project completions

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U.S. Bank and private trusts presented Northwest with monetary gifts to help support major building projects at the University.

The \$95 thousand donation included a \$25 thousand donation from U.S. Bank to the completion of Hughes Fieldhouse, and \$70 thousand from private trusts to agriculture sciences.

Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer Lori Steiner explains the \$25 thousand from U.S. Bank was used to pay off the Hughes Field House.

“They are financing that building so we will be making payments toward them for several years. So we are still collecting funds for that,” Steiner said.

The \$70 thousand for agriculture sciences came in the form of a \$50 thousand donation from an anonymous trust and \$20 thousand from the Gary G. Taylor Charitable Trust.

Director of Agriculture Sciences Rod Barr said he was excited to receive donations.

“(We are) very excited,” Barr said. “Anytime you get support for a project like that you get excited. Relationships pay off. You get an outside entity to say ‘we want to support academics at Northwest Missouri State.’”

The money is going to complete the agriculture learning center, which is being funded privately. Barr said he works with the Northwest Foundation to help secure funds, with 2.1 of the needed \$8 Million.

“We work with the Northwest Foundation,” Barr said. “They work with corporations and individuals to support projects.”

For the Northwest Foundations Part, Steiner explains Northwest looks for companies that may be interested in helping Northwest.

“We have a team of development officers that identify prospects through various means,” Steiner said.

The foundation works with local businesses and donors to create a beneficial relationship for both sides. Steiner explains that means understanding the needs of businesses.

“We listen. We visit with people, and listen to what their needs are,” Steiner said.

Barr also mentioned the value in these relationships.

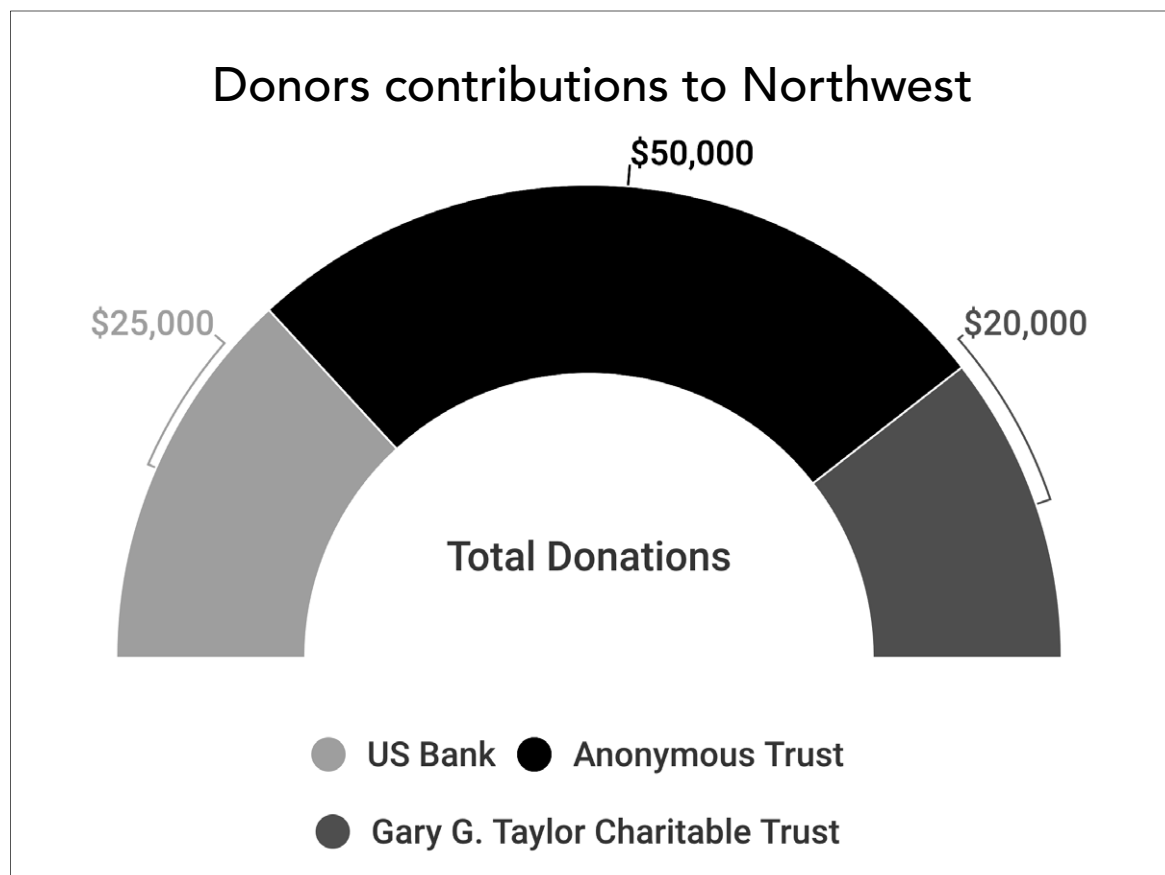
“The more people we talk to about the project, the more people we get involved in the project, the more partnerships and relationships we build, and the more support we have,” Barr said. “As we develop those relationships then those partnerships end up creating donations, and that’s where the support comes from.”

Barr said these partnerships are important to secure funds as well as working with other businesses in the industry.

“Partnerships are vital not only for the donation side of things, but partnerships just as support that business provides is vital to the success of Northwest,” Barr said.

Barr said his school then focuses on what businesses in the industry need.

“What are their needs in indus-



try, and how can we at Northwest, and the school of agricultural sciences specifically, help them meet their needs,” Barr said.

Barr believes these donations show that Northwest and his school are good on that promise.

“(These donations) really show alignment with someone in the corporate industry,” Barr said.

Barr added U.S. Bank would only donate if they believed in what Northwest was doing.

“If U.S. Bank didn’t believe in us they wouldn’t make the donation,” Barr said.

Rex Brod, the Maryville and Tarkio U.S. Bank Market President, explained the ties between U.S. Bank and Northwest.

“We have a great relationship with Northwest,” Brod said. “There are several of us that are alumni. We have the card program on the University campus. We believe in support, the youth and the educa-

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tion system.”

Brod also explained U.S. Bank likes to help Northwest in multiple ways.

“U.S. Bank is a great advocate for the University. And so one of the things we do is, besides participating in activities and events at the University, we can also help from a financial standpoint,” Brod said.

The exact date that construction will begin on the agricultural learning center is to be determined.

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It'd only been two days, so I suppose I'd like to thank you for your eagerness to expose yourself. I hope you appreciate the prompt response. It appears we need to establish a clear standard here. Some of us need a clear reminder of what is considered a joke. I'm sure you'd love to continue to show your true colors, your blatantly disrespectful joke, your "hacked" phone, but I'll play along. Not that it'll save you any face here. I guess it's just your sorry luck.

In light of your 48 hour exposure time, I'd say welcome to your 15 minutes of fame. Goal accomplished, you've received our attention and I want you to savor the moment we claim the belonging and acceptance you believed could be stripped from the students of color on this campus. Attempts to bring about an unstable and uncomfortable environment for students of color are cancelled.

To the prejudice hard "r" users, to the wants-to-be-down so bad, "my best friend is black" users, to the "but it's in the song" users. To the micro-aggressive who can't fathom how a black student could afford to live in Hudson-Perrin. We see you.

But I guess the skin based entitlement that's been instilled within the hard framing of some of our new students' upbringings, has promoted the belief that this is tolerated. These microaggressions, snide remarks and misguided ponderings into the financial standing of a black student is a prejudice. A simple-minded prejudice aided by a false generalization that people of color are poor, destitute, lazy and helpless.

Need we be reminded that we all attend the same university? Passed the same test, filled out the same application and received the same acceptance letter. So when asked, "How do you afford to live here?" the answer is, "the same way everyone's family sent their children to this University."

We are valued and we will be respected on this campus. This audacious behavior is the exact epitome of what Diversity, Equity and Inclusion mission promises to alleviate. The same preventive training that should've been taught to every RA and every BRIDGE of the residence halls, the same goal of acceptance the University promotes. This behavior will be made an example of. Bigotry is a disease of ignorance and we will combat this disturbing act by educating those of our power and resource to expose your ignorance.

To the arriving students of color, we are strong.

The simple-minded and derogatory actions of our peers is only a driving force to continually advocate for our belonging at this University. By standing with each other and using the University as our ally, we will eliminate this invasion of your comfortability at a university that may not be like anything you have experienced. Do not fear these attempts to make you feel underappreciated, unprotected or targeted. You belong here as much as anyone else.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Campus groups unite
to denounce hatred

Dear Editor,

We, the student leaders of inclusive, representative campus organizations, welcome and value individuality and encourage students to act as true Bearcats.

Unfortunately, on August 24th, an individual posted a racially-degradatory message in a group chat. It appears the author spoofed another user. This incident is contrary to the philosophy and values of Bearcat students.

As student leaders and peers, attending Northwest Missouri State University, we denounce any act of hateful speech or behavior that represents incivility and malice regardless of differences.

We are disappointed that this is the first impression that some have received from this campus, however this is not indicative of how the Northwest family treats one another. We are releasing this statement in order to take a stand as students. We challenge our peers to align with our values and strive for a better tomorrow.

Respectfully signed,

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OUR VIEW:

Inclusion on campus key
for welcoming atmosphere

It's no secret that America as a country has a hard time accepting anyone who is culturally, racially or religiously "different" from the standard.

With a president backing the alienation of international visitors and even the mistreatment and imprisonment of immigrant children, it can be hard for visitors of our country to feel welcome in an already foreign land.

With Northwest experiencing a noticeable decrease in international undergraduates, it seems the views from our country's leaders have brought upon a negative light and a fear of acceptance in the U.S.

Here at Northwest, we want our international students to not only know but feel that their presence is welcome and in fact a highlight and improvement to our lives. As a family of Bearcats, we are privileged to be able to experience the vibrant cultures of our international students from all across the world. Enriching our campus with a

knowledge of cultural diversity that can only be provided by a well working relationship with international students. A relationship and a bond that is more than a friendly banter or smiling face.

As a campus, we need to create a bond of involvement and interaction. Building a bridge of understanding and challenging ourselves to participate in new and exciting adventures that can be found with our international students.

The International Involvement Center continues to be a beacon for a positive cultural climate as well as the office of Diversity and Inclusion by creating events and promoting involvement to continue our growing community. Commitment to acceptance and diversity is part of our Northwest culture.

As of late, we have seen an increase of uncomfortability from our international students and our goal as a campus should be to alleviate these feelings in our peers and provide them the support they deserve

and the respect they are guaranteed.

The trickle effect foreign policy has created caps on immigration from particular countries, the demonetization of foreign currency and more.

The climate of our country is cultural warfare, as we isolate and target immigrants and international immigrants, all the while fighting amongst ourselves. This country has created a hostile environment that can be hard to ignore.

We want Northwest to be the light in these dark times for our country. Creating the protection of love around our students who are new to this country, who are away from their families and struggling to feel at home in a country whose foreign policies scream "you don't belong here."

We want you to know #YouAre-WelcomeHere. We want you here and we appreciate what you bring to our campus.

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City approves numerous events

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The Maryville City Council held its second meeting of August Monday, approving a number of events proposed by Maryville businesses and Northwest.

One event approved by the council was the Heart and Soul Walk, which would start at the corner of Fourth and Buchanan, proceed through Northwest's campus and then return back to Buchanan.

"The Heart and Soul Walk is the annual walk that we use to raise awareness for heart disease in our community," Community Resource Nurse Jackie Ross said.

The Meyer Auto Center was given the green light to hold another car show Sept. 1 at North Market Street.

Lastly, the council approved Northwest to hold the Homecoming Parade Oct. 13, a mainstay event for the University and community.

The parade would start at the corner of Ray and College Avenue and end at the corner of Fourth and Main Street.

Council approves new levies and taxes

The council approved a series of levies and taxes on taxable real and personal property.

The first tax and levy was passed to raise funds to maintain Maryville's Public Library, public parks, provide suitable entertainment and general municipality services.

The second was issued to pay for general obligation bonds, which are issued to local governments to fund public works projects.

Raising taxes to pay for general obligation bonds is a common practice to guarantee repayment of those issued bonds.

City approves contract work for Street Department building

With the south building of the Maryville Street Department encountering structural problems, Maryville Public Works Director C.E. Goodall informed the council about the state of the building and provide updates on contract bidders.

"I'm afraid if we don't address it soon, we are going to start seeing some major issues soon, we may not be able to have it," Goodall said.

Goodall said an estimated project budget for \$46,000 was scaled back after Burlington Junction contractor Edge LLC offered to do so for \$36,000.

The council unanimously approved the contract work from Edge LLC.

Local detective honored for receiving prestigious award

The council and Public Safety Director Keith Wood congratulated detective Sgt. Ryan Glidden for being awarded the Enoch. B Morelock Award by the U.S. Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee.

Wood said Glidden has been instrumental in helping the department and community and always goes above and beyond with the work he puts forth.

"Ryan's done a really good job for us the last year being creative and finding funding that has helped

out the local schools in terms of putting trauma bags in every classroom," Wood said. "He was responsible for getting the department some tactical equipment."

Council begins discussions on potential trail system

In closing, the council and City Manager Greg McDaniel began preliminary discussions on the possibility of extending some of the existing trails throughout the city to facilitate a more connected trail system.

"We do have a pretty substantial start for a connected trail system through the community," McDaniel said.

The council recently finished a trail behind St. Francis Hospital which connected Maryville High School and Middle School trails from South Munn Avenue to Victory Lane.

One proposed trail would continue the trail ending on Victory Lane and continue it through South Alco Avenue and Grand Avenue to Northwest and College Avenue.

Another potential trail would connect trails on Fourth and Ninth streets through South Main Street by Franklin Park.

With the Missouri Department of Transportation preparing to release trail funding through the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) this week, McDaniel wanted the council to begin discussions so they could apply for funding if certain trails was approved.

"We've had very good success with the programs that MoDOT has had," McDaniel said. "Most of the trails we have were funded by the TAP."



Various student leaders met Aug. 28 to discuss a response to the racial slur that circulated through the freshman class.

VOICE

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The common theme of the meeting held Aug. 24 was the phrase 'a collective voice.' The idea that students need to stand together and stand up for each other, fighting speech with speech.

Mallett explained the idea of being a collective voice.

"If you hear a comment that was made and you see that it's offensive, you've got to say something," Mallett said. "I think way too often we don't say anything, and the fact that we don't say anything can imply your consent. As a student body, they have to be able to have one collective voice... As a campus we have to say we are not going to accept derogatory language, we are not going to accept racial slurs, we are not going to accept these things. And that has to come from everybody."

Quarles said she appreciated the coaching that happened during the meeting as far as how to handle these situations.

"One thing about DEI I did appreciate a lot was they were explaining to freshman that cussing and getting upset and just like screaming and all those things were not the go-to," Quarles said. "As much as your emotions kick into like, that's not okay, it's more of a conversation and more of an assertive tone than a yell and a scream."

Junior Jusani Jackson said she believes we have to rally around the newest Bearcats on campus and remind them they belong here.

"We need to let freshmen know it won't happen again and let them know there is an army of people behind them to support and protect them," Jackson said. "We need to let them know not to be scared, and that if it is to happen again we want to make sure they have the connec-

tions and know where to go."

Gonzales spoke often about the culture of Northwest, highlighting the importance of cultivating an inclusive culture as all students are Bearcats.

"By your very nature of being students on this campus you are part of the community, of the culture and that is Bearcat culture," Gonzales said. "And so, regardless of ethnic makeup, your sexual orientation, who your parents are, where you grew up - you are part of the Bearcat nation."

Quarles shared her best advice to make sure they remain themselves regardless of who is around.

"Continue being yourself, and the only way you can do that is not making yourself uncomfortable, so other people can feel comfortable,"

Quarles said. "If I can't act like who I am as a person, then I am making myself uncomfortable for the people around me, and no one should have to feel that way."

Mallett said the most important thing to remember when attacking this issue is to acknowledge biases students may hold, but be willing to talk about them.

"We have to be willing and able to open up and say 'yes, this is where my bias lies,'" Mallett said. "We have to say 'Hey we want to build an inclusive, but in order to build that inclusive campus, I have to admit this.' We have a little more accountability, it can't come from just the DEI office, it can't just come from the students of color on camps, it has to be a collective effort from everyone."

FORUM

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"This year, we had 236 new students of color come onto the college campus, which is the second highest number ever," Director of Diversity and Inclusion Justin Mallett said.

He was also quick to acknowledge that one of the largest underrepresented groups on campus is the LGBTQ community.

"There was a homophobic slur used in that message, what are we saying to them? How can we help them right now?" Mallett said.

What began as a discussion about combating racism, homophobia and bigotry developed into an impactful dialogue about the challenges the DEI and international office are presented within working with domestic and international students together.

DEI typically focuses on domestic students and the International Center on students abroad, the two organizations commonly work on collaborative efforts, but at times can be limited due to their scopes.

Abha Niraula, President of the International Student Organization,

brought up the point that many of the international students are typically grouped together, whether in classes or in residential halls.

Niraula noted the scopes limiting the DEI and international offices have often had a negative impact on some international students who wish to go to the DEI for assistance but feel they can't.

Wesseh said it's an unfortunate situation because while she believes the university was trying to make teaching and school assistance easier by putting international students together, it can be a hindrance because they're not learning new things about the local people and culture.

She was thankful the issue was brought to light so administrative leaders could explore new avenues to solve it.

"I am really happy that we had this conversation, and I just want you to not forget why we came here today," Wesseh said.

Mallett echoed her comments.

"An old pastor once told me 'We've had this conversation, but what are we going to do next?'" Mallett said. "Let's make sure we conduct ourselves as great, civil Bearcats."

Blotters for the week of Aug. 30

Maryville Public Safety

Aug. 2
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 400 block of West Second Street.

Aug. 20
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 800 block of North Buchanan Street.

Aug. 21
There is an ongoing investigation for identity theft at the 500 block of West Lincoln Street.

Aug. 24
A summons was issued to **Quynh Le**, 19, from Grandview, Missouri, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

A summons was issued to **Josephine Egerminer**, 19, from Papillion, Nebraska, for minor in possession at the 200 block of North Walnut Street.

A summons was issued to **Ryan Koski**, 19, for minor in possession at the 300 block of North Buchanan Street.

A summons was issued to **Peter Carlson**, 20, for minor in possession at the 300 block of North Buchanan Street.

Aug. 25
A summons was issued to **Garrett Griffith**, 26, from Skidmore, Missouri, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 200 block of East Third Street.

A summons was issued to **Mahaylee Peterman**, 19, for minor in possession and failure to maintain right half of roadway at the 100 block of West Third Street.

A summons was issued to **Shahzad Ahmed**, 44, for sale of alcohol to a minor at the 600 block of North Main Street.

A summons was issued to **Makayla Shannon**, 19, from Kansas City, Missouri, for minor in possession and giving false information to a public service officer at the 200 block of North Buchanan Street.

Aug. 26
There is an ongoing investigation for assault at the 200 block of West 12th Street.

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If you want to get out and see the sights, you have to plan an excursion, Aries. Start planning a vacation and don't forget to invite a pal along for the trip.

Do not be quick to accept the word “no,” Taurus. If you are seeking a promotion, it may take another round of negotiations to sell your position to a supervisor.

Gemini, some things are at play and you may need to gather some facts. Don't try to piece things together, but rather start at the beginning and get a comprehensive view.

You have to hunker down and work through tasks that hold little interest for you, Cancer. Success comes from tending to all of the details, even those that are less interesting.

Plenty of opportunities to make big changes are on the horizon, Leo. You need to figure out what it is you want to do with yourself and where to make change.

Virgo, sit quietly aside and let others talk while you listen. Listening can be a great way to learn about others as well as yourself. Use this time wisely.

Libra, indecisiveness may cost you in the days ahead. Try to come to a decision on an important situation so you can begin moving forward once again.

Sometimes you don't see the purpose behind certain actions, Scorpio. Don't hesitate to ask questions to clear things up. Forge ahead and things will become clearer.

Sooner or later, if you try different things you are bound to stumble on the right course of action, Sagittarius. It just may take longer than you initially expected.

Don't worry if you cannot get your act together just yet, Capricorn. You will find your groove soon enough and everything will ultimately fall in place.

Some things can't be avoided forever, Aquarius. If you feel like you are running away from problems or things you don't like, you may need to confront them.

Funny things happen when you least expect them, Pisces. Just when you may have thought a situation was dire, some fun will change your opinion.



NWM Pet of The Week

COOKIE

12 Years Old

Human: Ryan Griesinger

Nickname: Cookie Monster.

Likes

- Sleeping on the couch.
- Chasing squirrels
- Running through tall grass

Dislikes

- Swimming
- Cats
- Being photographed

CROSSWORD

By MetroCreative

CLUES ACROSS

1. One-time money in Spain
8. "Got ___ of one"
13. Set a framework for
14. Cover with drops of water
15. One who does something for a living
19. Germanium
20. An enclosure for confining livestock
21. Locks a door
22. Buddy
23. Supplement with difficulty
24. Not moving
25. Islamic unit of weight
26. Warmers
30. Hindu queen
31. Border river near Bosnia and Herzegovina
32. Analyzed
33. Caps
34. Pastime
35. Contrary belief
38. Walking devices
39. Accustom to something unpleasant
40. Singing methods
44. Shouts of farewell
45. Hand (Spanish)
46. Small constellation
47. Cardinals are this
48. Gives a hoot
49. Chatter incessantly
50. Thallium
51. Making very hot
55. Hours (Spanish)
57. Remove completely
58. Eyeglasses
59. Rubbed clean

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2. Found it!

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| 4. A helper to Santa | 30. Herb of tropical Asia |
| 5. Male fashion accessory | 32. Reviews poorly |
| 6. Autonomic nervous system | 34. Waterproof overshoes |
| 7. US Attorney General | 35. Fireplace floors |
| 8. Greek sophist | 36. Surround |
| 9. The world of the dead (Norse myth.) | 37. Regretted |
| 10. Excessive and dangerous dose | 38. One who whips |
| 11. One who receives a legacy | 40. Ticket price |
| 12. Brooded | 41. Calming |
| 16. Hindu warrior king | 42. Citrus fruit |
| 17. Used to anoint | 43. Drooped |
| 18. One point east (clockwise) of due north | 45. An explorer's necessity |
| 22. Connecting part of the brain stem | 48. Speak profanely |
| 25. Most uncommon | 51. Pouch |
| 27. Do-nothings | 52. A type of date (abbr.) |
| 28. Emerge | 53. Away from |
| | 54. Large beer |
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We meet our heroes as they journey down a desolate road.



The party comes to a fork in the road. Choose their fate by tweeting us at #GoofsNGoblins



Bobby's bucket list

Seven things to do while at Northwest

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Northwest is full of different traditions and opportunities for students of all ages. With all sorts of activities going on at any given time around campus, many students don't need to leave to find some fun. From taking pictures with Bobby Bearcat in the Union to taking a dip in Colden Pond, there are many ways to stay socially active.

1. Attend a Northwest football game. Sure, going to a football game is part of college culture across the country, but there is a reason we've coined the name "Tittle Town." The Bearcats are known for winning six NCAA Division II championships and have either won or shared 27 MIAA titles. According to the NCAA, Northwest ranked in the top ten division two schools for home game attendance in 2017. Attending their first championship is something new Bearcats never forget.

"One of my favorite memories at Northwest is the championship football game my freshman year," junior Josh Munden said. "There is nothing like seeing a bunch of college students drive from all over the place to one area in Kansas City to watch their team go for the title."

"At the end of the day, it wasn't just one person who one the game. Northwest made it feel like we all won the game," Munden said. "Even though we have a ton of different departments, after watching our team win the national championship, I felt like we were really connected as a campus."

Even if championships are not a possibility, attending any game has its benefits.

"I think every student should go to every athletic event at least once," senior Andrew Cangelose said. "The Northwest family is strong and the atmosphere is so energetic."

2. Get involved with Homecoming. Homecoming is a popular event with its own traditions, such as Walk Out Day, the parade, canned art and banner competitions. Many organizations both on and off campus create floats or walk in the parade. With a week of events leading up to the big game, this weekend brings together Bearcats from all over to reminisce over days

gone by and for future graduates to celebrate.

3. Discover the different trees on campus. Northwest has more than 150 species of trees. The University has also been the state arboretum in Missouri since 1993. This links back to a tradition where every incoming class has a tree planted in their honor. The trees are scattered around the campus on three different trails: the tower trail, the gaunt trail and the chautauqua trail.

"I would say that everyone should look back at the tree that was planted for them at the beginning of their freshman year," sophomore Colin Uhlenkamp said. "It's cool to see how it has grown and think back to all the memories you made at Northwest."

During the fall, the trees turn various shades of red, orange and brown, making for Instagram worthy pictures.

4. Go Greek. Northwest's Greek Life functions a little different than at bigger schools. Rush and Recruitment happen after classes start, giving prospective new members a chance to scope out the right chapter for them. Among the five sororities, and six fraternities, the Greek community holds events throughout the first two weeks of class for people to get to know current members.

5. Interact with the Northwest parody accounts. Between the squirrels and bedbugs, the animal parody accounts can run a bit wild. The squirrels twitter has been around since 2013 and is self proclaimed to be "nutty." The bedbugs account, started after a bedbug situation in Colden Hall, has been around since 2017. While neither reflect the views of Northwest, it's a fun way to see the local gossip.

6. Jump into Colden Pond. Located next to Colden Hall, Colden Pond is a popular hang-out on fair weather days. There, students can sit by the water and study, have a date or even go fishing. Many also use Colden Pond as a spot for fundraisers such as the Polar Bear Plunge for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Colden Pond has also been the destination of many Northwest lovebirds, and



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Despite being strictly prohibited on all days of the year except for the Polar Plunge, jumping into Colden Pond is often seen as being part of the ultimate Bearcat bucket list.

often is booked throughout the summer for weddings.

7. Go to a SAC concert. The Student Activities Council's sole purpose to plan and organize fun activities for students. Its biggest project is putting together a concert in the fall. With artists such as Chase Rice in 2017 and Hunter

Hayes in 2016, these concerts bring a sense of community.

This is just a short list of possible ways to embrace the unique traditions of Northwest. However, there are plenty of other ways to make college a memorable experience. For most students, the best way to enjoy college is to branch out of their comfort zone. North-

west offers more than 200 recognized organizations, there is something for everyone to try.

"College is a great time to find what you enjoy," Letuli said. "You never know what you'll like or amazing people you'll meet. Don't worry about what people will say or think, because it's all about your own experience."



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN
A big part of experiencing Northwest football as a student is not only attending games, but also attending tailgates.

BMB prepares for football season

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The Bearcat football team is not the only group prepping for the opening game this week. The Bearcat Marching Band (BMB) has been hard at work in preparation for the season opener.

Members of the band sacrificed the last week of summer, Aug. 18-26, to attend camp and practice all the songs featured at the first football game Aug. 30. Based on their ranking and position, members arrived as early as Aug. 18 or as late as Aug. 23 ready to play.

BMB Camp builds the foundation for the rest of the season's performances.

Fifth year senior trumpet player RaeAnne Hopkins emphasized the importance of training camp.

"The first week kind of determines the vibe you have within the group and how things are going to go," Hopkins said.

She continued to explain the many ways camp impacts the success of the band.

"Band camp is where you learn the fundamentals. It's where you learn the songs we will be doing throughout the semester," Hopkins said. "It's kind of like learning to crawl before you walk. It's taking those first steps of how the group works together and functions together before we really get stuff on the field and have practices that are a lot shorter. It's learning how to work as a team."

With days averaging as long as 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., the band covers a lot of ground to make up for any lost time during summer. Band camp is the time to learn and review all the songs and routines for



RACHEL ADAMSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Delaney Lynam, mellophone, and members of the Bearcat Marching Band perform during the freshmen March to the Tower Sunday, Aug. 26. This performance marked the conclusion of BMB's weeklong camp spent preparing for the first home football game.

the upcoming year.

"We do a variety of things," Hopkins said. "We'll sift through and go over the music as a group. We'll have sectionals to fix minor

problems in the music to sound like what we're supposed to sound like. We'll have marching rehearsals where we'll learn our formations and where we're supposed to

go for the halftime show and pregame we learn."

Due to the complexity and quantity of material, sophomore Color Guard member Molly Epper-

son said band camp is crucial to the rest of the season.

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Move-in brings excitement, new faces for Northwest

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It is a moment of pure awe for students as they arrive on campus and see the start of their new futures. A high excitement played in the tummies of 1,365 new freshman students as they unpacked their cars and loaded into the high rises Aug 22.

Move-in day is a joy that everyone have all experienced, filled with bittersweet moments to remember for a lifetime. With a mile-long line of cars, road closures, and a campus full of roadside attendants, it can be an overwhelming experience for new faces.

Freshman students Karrington Ingram and Dominique Jackson experienced the excitement as they arrived on campus.

"I was so excited," Ingram said. "My heart dropped, like I'm really in college. I was overwhelmed."

A similar feeling she shared with Jackson. From childhood friends to college roommates the duo have reached new heights, taking them step by- step, creating memories and learning new lessons.

"I was in shock," Jackson said. "And I am rooming with someone I've known since kindergarten. It's like wow, we're here."

For most freshman students, meeting new people is the highlight of the first few days on campus. Residential Advisors welcome these new students through floor meetings and room visits, building a network of students, all connecting to explore their new home.

"I'm loving Northwest," In-



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshmen roommates Alicia Robinson and Taiyah Elliott attempt to keep their belongings dry while moving into Franken Hall Thursday, Aug. 23.

gram said. "Though I wish there was more 'color'."

It is no secret that Northwest can be a drastic change in cultural climate for many students of all races and cultural backgrounds.

"I like it, but I kind of wish it

was more mixed," Jackson said. "It's not that we don't get along. I think we get along fine, but at times it can feel a little segregated."

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THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat wants more yellow bins

Students don't only want more bins, students need more bins for efficiency and a better experience for those moving in.

The handy yellow moving bins located around Northwest living quarters and departments are the unsung necessity of Northwest, yet, there are not nearly enough of them to go around when move in day comes.

For most students, they have been through move in as freshmen. Even with staggered dates for when residents can set up their dorms, the problem still remains. The amount of items a student brings does not equal the amount of yellow bins

available at the rate people move in.

A lot of students bring many items for their daily lives while at school. This includes mini fridges, microwaves, boxes of clothes, gaming consoles, TVs and even some home decor. Most of these weigh enough that it takes two or three people to transport it, not to mention some are awkward to carry in the first place.

Not only do the yellow bins reduce the number of trips taken from car to dorm, it also helps the backs of friends and family members.

They really save time for everybody.

Whenever there is bad weath-

er, which Maryville is often prone to have especially on move in days, the bins are lifesavers. Even though they won't protect against the rain or wind, by allowing faster transportation, many people have avoided the better part of the storm.

So many times, there have been people carrying in a load of items simply because there was no bin they could use. This shouldn't happen, especially when these bins could do the work easily.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Theater Northwest produces annual Advantage Playslam

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Twenty-four hours is not a lot of time, and it is hard to maximize what can be done. Now imagine only having 24 hours to write and produce an entire play.

Theatre Northwest presented its fourth annual Play Slam during Advantage weekend. The event was started by Associate Professor Patrick Immel, and has been a staple for students involved in the theater program.

This year the Play Slam began Aug. 22, in the Ron Houston Performing Arts Center, when the two teams comprised of three students each drew prompts for their one-acts. Once the prompts were drawn, both teams had 24 hours to create a 15 to 20 minute one-act for the incoming freshman.

Cordel Fonfara, a senior theater performance major, elaborated on the stressful writing process when his team received its prompts.

"It was kind of difficult at first to come up with an idea, but once we came up with an idea it was easy to write the script," Fonfara said.

Fonfara has participated in this theater activity since it first started in 2014.

"This is a great way for actors to truly exercise their acting chops," Fonfara said. "It is a unique combination of all aspects of the theater into one day."

This event brings the long-standing tradition of improv to a new group of possible actors and brings them into the Northwest theater program.

Play Slam is sponsored by Alpha Psi Omega, the Greek theater honor society dedicated to students involved in the theater program and other performing arts.

The two groups presented their one-acts "Untitled Project" and "A Period Piece" in the Studio Theater on Aug. 23.

Alex Whittington, a sophomore theater and speech education major, participated in this event for the first time.

"After watching the show last year as a freshman, I was eager to get involved with this activity," Whittington said. "It is a unique opportunity to show the entire process of a theatrical production in less than a day."

The two original one-acts had different themes, with one group doing a more serious drama and the other group doing a comedic take on an irrational fear.

Sydney Martin, a junior technical theater major, was the leader of one of the groups and knew immediately what her group wanted to do for their prompt.

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Spoofhound senior Riley Gray pitched her way to a victory against North Nodaway Aug 27 at Maryville High School.

Maryville holds on, earns first win of season

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The Maryville softball team kicked off the 2018 season Aug. 27 and escaped with a narrow one-run victory against North Nodaway, defeating the Mustangs 3-2.

The Spoofhounds were led to victory by an impressive outing from starting pitcher Riley Gray, who went the distance pitching seven full innings. Gray allowed only two runs, with both coming in the first inning.

Maryville fell behind early, with the Mustangs crossing for two runs in the top of the first, both coming via errors on the Spoofhounds defense. The Hounds quickly bounced back with two runs of their own in the bottom half of the first inning, tying the game up at two runs apiece.

The score remained tied at two until the fourth inning, when senior shortstop Emma Baldwin ripped an

RBI single to right field, driving in the eventual winning run. Gray kept the Mustangs offense at bay for the rest of the contest.

Coach Chandra Demott said she was proud of the way her team bounced back after falling behind early on. She credits this to mental toughness that the team has been working on a lot lately, which will be a key to success for the Spoofhounds during this season.

“We’ve been talking a lot about mental toughness and making the adjustment with our girls,” Demott said. “We’ve been putting them in a lot of pressure situations in practice because that’s honestly the best way you can prepare this early in the season.”

Demott spoke more about the mental toughness she is trying to instill in her team for the season ahead, stating that it is a cultural ordeal.

“Like I said, mental toughness has been a big weakness of ours overall, so culturally we’re trying to bring that up to par and just try-

ing to get the girls to communicate and work together is a big difference for us right now,” Demott said.

There are five seniors on this year’s squad, including Jacklyn Hersh, who has played varsity since freshman year, have seen numerous changes in the team between now and then. Hersh believes the team has improved dramatically since then.

“We’ve improved a lot since my freshman year. That team didn’t win very many games and through the four years I’ve seen big changes,” Hersh said.

All five seniors including Hersh, Jillian Partridge, Summer Swalley, McKenzie Salcedo and Emma Baldwin, will be leaned on heavily by a freshman and sophomore heavy roster, for leadership and experience. Baldwin, who drove in the winning run for the Spoofhounds against the Mustangs, says it is a weird feeling to be a senior on a squad she has been a part of for four years.

Spoofhounds working for continued growth in 2018

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The Maryville volleyball team looks to rebound this season after a crushing upset by St. Joseph Benton in the district title game a year ago.

The Spoofhounds had swept Benton in the regular season and may have overlooked the matchup in districts. Thus, the season ending loss came a little earlier than the ‘Hounds were expecting.

Overall, the girls finished the 2017 season with a 22-8 record and graduated six seniors. At the same time, Maryville has a group of sophomores that have stepped up.

“Losing six seniors from last year’s team has definitely had a big impact, and it’s been hard filling those shoes,” coach Marissa Felt said. “But the two seniors that we have this year have been outstanding with the younger girls and have been more than willing to step in and help when needed.”

Setting goals has also been a very important part of the young season for the Spoofhounds.

“Showing up and being present at every game is one of our biggest goals we have as a team this season,” senior Vanessa Klotz said. “Stat goals are of the biggest improvements we want to make as a team this year. Ninety-two percent serving is ultimately what we want to achieve this season.”

Maryville’s first test is going to come on the road Aug. 28 as they travel to East Buchanan High

School in Gower, Missouri. This is a non-conference matchup and will test the Spoofhounds. This match will be a repeat of last season’s opener with the ‘Hounds sweeping the Bulldogs in two games.

“To get where we want to be this season is going to take a lot of dedication and hard work,” Felt said. “When we get to our conference schedule and play teams like St. Joseph Benton and Bishop LeBlond, we are going to have to bring our ‘A’ game. They are going to be taking each day as an opportunity to get better, and we need to do the same.”

A successful program has always been the nature of the volleyball team, and even though this is only Felt’s second year as the head of the volleyball team, she looks to carry on that tradition.

“Even though we lost in districts last year, I think we have the skills to make it there again,” junior Caroline Morely said. “But, putting the team first over each individual self is something we are going to have to do to make that happen.”

The Spoofhounds home opener is scheduled for Aug. 30 against the South Harrison Bulldogs and the first conference game will be against arch-rival, St. Joseph Benton Cardinals Sept. 3 in Maryville.

“I always say that we can win our conference,” Felt said. “Last year, we were unbelievably close and this year, I definitely think it’s doable.”

COLUMN

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The trek continues for coach Amy Woerth’s program Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at the Rockhurst Classic.

Take some time this year to check out each of the department’s teams in action. It’s clear each of the programs are heading in the right direction.

Under the guidance of director of athletics Andy Peterson, things will only continue to grow off Tjeerdsma’s contributions to Northwest.

CALDWELL

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Caldwell’s time a Northwest may be short, but he has the potential to leave a lasting impact both on the field and in the locker room.

“He’s a fantastic teammate throughout the week, he talks to you all the time,” senior linebacker Nick Hess said. “I’ve really loved and enjoyed having him on our team.”

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Cross country leaning on veterans as season begins

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A year of redemption begins for Bearcat cross country behind the leadership of two new faces.



Northwest opens the 2018 cross country season August 31 with the Bearcat Open, and the team held its first official practice August 27.

With less than a week to prepare, the rigorous course in Maryville will off a perfect opportunity for head coach Brandon Masters and assistant coach Nick Gibson to gauge the team. Gibson made an effort right away to get good communication started with the returning leadership.

“When I first got here that was one of my things was I went and met with the older guys that were on campus and talked with them,” Gibson said. “To see what it was like in the past and the things they would like to see moving forward.”

The preparation by the athletes during the summer to stay in shape and be ready for the start of

the season, will have a big impact on how the early season pans out. The ability to let the leaders of the team keep the runners in check has made the transition slightly less daunting for the new coaches.

“I didn’t really need to do a whole lot,” Gibson said. “They pretty much took care of their training and held each other accountable, which made my job easy.”

In the past the Bearat Open has been a very successful meet for Northwest. Both the men’s and women’s teams have finished in the top three each of the last four years.

The course for the Bearcat Open for many athletes is the toughest course the entire season. Senior Maria Mostek finds the challenging course an advantage at the start of the season.

“It’s one of the harder courses and the tough first course of the season,” Mostek said. “It’s a good way to start off.”

Mostek is part of a group of upperclassmen who have helped make the transition easy on Masters and Gibson. Many of the re-

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Bearcat Open 6 p.m. Aug. 31 Donaldson Park

turning runners made an effort to connect with the incoming coaches.

“Within the first 10 days of being on campus a lot of the returners were seeking us out, wanting to learn what we are doing,” Masters said. “We had 20 to 30 meetings with athletes from seniors to incoming freshman wanting to know what the plan was.”

While the Bearcats adjust to the fresh coaching styles of Masters and Gibson, the new coaches have built a relationship in their short time together.

“I know Nick, I know his coaching styles and that’s why he is sitting here because I trust him,” Masters said.

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Senior Maria Mostek takes on a leadership role in final cross country season with the arrival of two new coaches.



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior midfielder Payton McGee is taking on a larger leadership role as Northwest soccer transitions into a new era.

Soccer set to usher in Gordon era

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Northwest soccer is entering its season at a crossroads of sorts. For the first time since 2003, the Bearcats are under new leadership, with coach Marc Gordon leading the way following the resignation of Tracy Hoza last November.



Gordon will have his work cut out for him. The Bearcats went 7-10 last season, and haven’t reached double digit wins since 2011, when they were 10-7-2.

The Bearcats will open their season with a home match against William Jewell Aug. 29. For Gordon, the game will offer further opportunity to evaluate his roster, and will be the official start of a new era in Northwest soccer.

“I’m looking to transition the program,” Gordon said. “(I’m) seeing if we can buy into some system changes. Just the idea of a legacy change for the program; we’ve kind of charged our three seniors with the idea of, ‘Hey, you get to start leading the change of the program.’”

Northwest’s roster consists predominantly of underclassmen: just 10 of the team’s 30 players are juniors and seniors. Gordon believes that the youthfulness of his team may help propel a changing of the culture.

“What a great place to come and build culture,” Gordon said. “We have it right in front of us with some other programs that have

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Northwest vs William Jewell 3 p.m. Aug. 31 Bearcat Pitch

been very successful. I think it’s important to build on and remember where you’ve been to get where you want to go. The buy-in has been very good up to this point.”

The transition has been smooth thus far, though Gordon is still figuring out how his roster fits together. The Bearcats have yet to play an official game, and Gordon expects the first week of matches to be telling when it comes to the identity of his team.

“I think we’re still trying to fit the pieces of the puzzle together to find out who we’re going to be,” Gordon said. “I think (getting) through the first week gives me more of a plan of where our growth areas. We’re going to be OK.”

By most measures, the Bearcats are facing what figures to be a rebuilding year, but Gordon isn’t necessarily submitting to the growing pains that traditionally show in the loss column of a rebuild.

“A big goal would be to win at least 10 games,” Gordon said. “(I want) to just be more competitive in our conference and give the team something to be proud about as we move the program forward.”

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'Hounds seek redemption in week two

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Entering its second game of the season, Maryville football finds itself in an unfamiliar situation.



The Spoofhounds (0-1) will look to avoid falling to 0-2 for the first time since 2005, when the current senior class had yet to begin kindergarten.

Following a 38-35 week-one loss to Blair Oaks, Maryville hosts Class 4 powerhouse Harrisonville Aug. 31.

By most measures, the Wildcats, who won the 2016 Class 4 State Championship and advanced to the quarterfinals a year ago, are the best team Maryville will play for the remainder of the season.

Still, the Spoofhounds do not plan to yield. Maryville will have a comforting home field advantage at the so-called 'Hound Pound', where they have won 53 consecutive games.

"(To beat Harrisonville), it's going to take maximum effort from everyone on the roster," senior running back Eli Dowis said. "It's going to be no easy task and we all know that. We know that Harrisonville is a Class 4 powerhouse and it is going to take everything we have to beat them."

For a team with a sterling track record like Maryville, one might expect a loss to spark a foreign sense of subjugation; a chip on the shoulder.

But the Spoofhounds will not dwell on their loss to Blair Oaks, according to coach Matt Webb. Rather, Maryville will focus on the task at hand: beating the Wildcats.

"We've got more state championships than we do regular season losses over the last six years," Webb said. "A loss is not ever ac-

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Harrisonville vs Maryville
7 p.m. Aug. 31
Hound Pound

ceptable; a loss means you go back and you reflect (on) what you didn't do correct and you get it fixed so it doesn't happen again."

The sentiment established by Webb was echoed by Dowis. The Spoofhounds are a team with a deep-rooted tradition of winning, playing their home games in a town that has grown accustomed to it.

"Here in Maryville, losing just isn't acceptable," Dowis said. "It's as simple as that. We have to find our identity as a football team and make this week a step in the right direction."

With their mission clear, the Spoofhounds plan to deliver. Webb said he expects to see improvements across the board heading into week two. For Maryville, establishing dominance in the run game early could be vital.

"Every position has opportunities to improve between week one and week two," Webb said. "We'll have something to coach off of. I'd say the areas we need to improve the most, on offense, we need to be able to run the football more. We need to be able to control the line of scrimmage; that's our identity."

Harrisonville could provide an ideal opportunity for Maryville to resurrect its ground game.

The Wildcats allowed Kearney running back Patrick Connery to rush for 197 yard and four touchdowns in their week one loss to the Bulldogs.

In any case, the Spoofhounds will prepare for the matchup as they would any other. For Maryville, the particulars hold little significance.

"We're going to try and beat a



ANDREW WEGLEY | NW MISSOURIAN

Blair Oaks quarterback Nolan Hair evades a tackle attempt by Maryville defensive lineman Tallon Noland during Friday's season opening loss at William Jewell College.

very good Harrisonville football team," Webb said. "They're good, they're big. They're larger than us, they're a Class 4 school and we're a Class 3 school, but we don't look at that. We've got to go out and make

ourselves better."

In some ways, the matchup with the Wildcats will offer an opportunity for evaluation.

And while the outcome of no season is determined by a mostly

inconsequential week two matchup, the test ahead for Maryville has the feeling of something more.

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Bruder leads volleyball to red hot start in Topeka

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Northwest volleyball executed to near perfection at the Washburn Invitational, as they set a blazing tone for the remainder of the season.



The Bearcats made no friends when they began the year in Washburn as they bullied the competition to end the tournament with a 12-0 set record.

As the school year kicks into full swing, so does the volleyball season. A common theme that teachers and students alike say is to start the year off right, so you don't get behind. The Bearcat volleyball team seems to embody that saying as they dominated their competition at Washburn University this

past weekend.

Northwest was able to boast an undefeated record in sets with the closest outing being a 25-19 victory before a final set battle against Dallas Baptist University, 25-23.

The Bearcats started the push with victories against Colorado State University- Pueblo, Southeastern Oklahoma State and Henderson State.

Northwest outscored their opponents in the first three matchups by a combined score of 225-126.

One of the major reasons for the Bearcats dominance was senior Maddy Bruder.

Bruder showed her worth and why she was first team All-MIAA last season, as she claimed tournament MVP honors. The Invitational proved to be her showcase

as she tallied her 1,000 dig in her Northwest career while averaging 7.5 per game.

"MVP is a nice honor, but we just have so much more to build off of as a team," Bruder said. "I mean

it's nice, but there is just so much more to focus on with the team than that."

Just as any good team, the Bearcats get a push from some of the more veteran players on the squad.

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Caldwell embraces chance with Northwest

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For senior transfer Josh Caldwell, the opportunity to suit up on Mel Tjeerdsma Field for the Bearcats was only part of what he wanted to achieve at Northwest. Caldwell, a running back, spent his first three years of eligibility battling the Bearcats on the gridiron as he carried the ground game for Missouri Western State. Transferring was something Caldwell did not anticipate when he started his career for the Griffons.

“I really did not want to play anywhere else, I was set on playing at Missouri Western for my whole college career,” Caldwell said. “That’s not how it happened and God had other plans.”

In his time as a Griffon, Caldwell racked up plenty of accolades in three years. His best year was in 2016 when he placed first team All-MIAA. In that season he averaged 128 rushing yards per game leading the MIAA. Along with leading the conference in yards per game, Caldwell racked up 10 rushing touchdowns for the Griffons.

Caldwell’s decision to transfer meant a grueling road, both from the football aspect and from a personal aspect. From January to the

“When I got here, the biggest difference was the family atmosphere and how accepting they were of me,”
-Josh Caldwell



start of summer, Caldwell had to take on 37 credit hours in order to graduate and be eligible to transfer without penalty. The stress of two semesters worth of classes weighed on him at times.

“I had to work out some things financially in order to clear my bill in time to get down here (Maryville),” Caldwell said. “At first it didn’t look too good, but my advisor (Regan Dodd) helped me figure out how many credits to take in the spring in order to get my 37 credits, and it was a couple long nights trying to finish all my classes.”

The late nights paid off when Caldwell was given his release to transfer freely in January. It did not take long for the recruitment process to start all over.

“I got my release and immediately flew out to another school in Georgia,” Caldwell said. “I got my release on a Tuesday and I was on a plane Thursday.”

Throughout the second round of the recruitment process, there was one factor other than football that played heavily into Caldwell’s choice: his education. If he graduated, he would be eligible to transfer to a team within the MIAA.

“The biggest deciding factor for me was my education,” Caldwell said. “I was not prepared to move halfway across the country in order to play football my last year, and I really wanted to graduate, so I made the decision to graduate.”

Other than being able to graduate before he transferred, Caldwell said he was drawn to Northwest because of the family atmosphere the Bearcats have built. Since the beginning of former Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Mel Tjeerdsma’s stint at Northwest, the athletic program has strived to be viewed as a family.

It is that same family atmosphere that allowed Caldwell to walk into the locker room and feel right at home, even being from a rival school.

“When I got here the biggest difference was the family atmo-



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Senior transfer running back Josh Caldwell will suit up in Bearcat green for the first time in Northwest’s home opener Thursday, Aug. 30 to face his former Missouri Western teammates.

sphere and just how accepting of me they were,” Caldwell said. “I didn’t know how that was going to be coming from the rivalry school, or what not, but they took me in like I was anybody else.”

The potential for what Caldwell could bring to the team on the field made it an easy choice for head coach Rich Wright to look into the opportunity. Wright said what sold him on bringing Caldwell on to the team was his character.

Wright described one of his first encounters with Caldwell at the

Hy-Vee he worked for.

“I walked up to the counter because he was a customer service guy, and it was busy that day,” Wright said. “I walked up and he was like ‘Hi Coach’ and he was really excited and all of a sudden there was two individuals that walked up to the counter and he said ‘excuse me’ and walked away. That gave me an indication of his character and the kind of person he is, by doing his job first.”

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Junior transfer running back Isaiah Strayhorn is part of a group of playmakers brought in this off-season by the Bearcats’ coaching staff.

Wright’s second year begins against Griffons

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Bearcat football sets to bounce back from a rare three-loss season in second year under coach Rich Wright.



The quest for the program’s seventh NCAA Division II championship starts with a week one match-up against rival Missouri Western State Aug. 30. The Griffons themselves are entering the second year under their coach Matt Williamson as well as welcoming new offensive coordinator Dave Brown.

In last year’s 30-0 victory over the Griffons, the Bearcat defense allowed 186 yards of total offense, giving up a mere 2.8 yards per play.

A new look on the Griffons’ offensive side will give the always stingy Bearcat defense a strong test in adapting to the unknown to start the year.

“With the new OC (offensive coordinator), it’s going to be really different in the first game,” senior linebacker Nick Hess said. “You don’t really know what you are going to see.”

The defense’s ability to adapt to the Griffons offense will go a long way for the Bearcats, but Wright said there is one factor that he believes will determine how well they play.

“I’ve been trying to preach all week that I feel like it is the team that makes the fewest mistakes in the first ball game, rather than the best team, that typically wins,” Wright said.

Part of limiting those mistakes will be placing redshirt freshman quarterback Braden Wright in positions to succeed early on. Rich Wright communicated early on to his young quarterback to take care of the football.

“You can’t put reins on him, the only thing we always tell our quarterbacks is don’t be careless with the football,” Rich Wright said. “Everything is distributed through them, so I feel it is important to take care of the ball.”

The Elkhorn South High School graduate, Braden Wright, will be making his first collegiate appearance, but he has already impressed his fellow teammates throughout the offseason.

“I think his growth in the offense and his work with (assistant coach Joel) Osborn has been great,” Hess said. “He makes a lot of plays and when he is confident with himself and the offense, you can just see him take off.”

The young quarterback will have a plethora of talent around him to help him settle into his first college game. Rich Wright explained that finding a balance between

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Northwest vs Missouri Western 7 p.m. Aug. 30 Bearcat Stadium

taking the pressure off of Braden Wright and just allowing him to make plays will be a key early in the season.

“I think we have more playmakers on that side of the ball (offensive) and so we’ve made it easier on him,” Rich Wright said. “At the same we don’t want to put reins on a really good athlete, if he gets in space on Thursday night (August 30) he can go, he’s a good athlete.”

The success of Braden Wright will be vital for the Bearcats in the 2018 season in order for them to regain the honor of NCAA Division II champions.

Growth showing within Bearcat Athletics



Drive around Maryville on any Bearcat football game day, and you’ll see a sea of green.

Northwest has had its fair share of success on the gridiron in recent history. In 1994, coach Mel Tjeerdsma stepped in to transform a losing program.

There wasn’t a guarantee things would change right away, but they did. A family began to build as a winning culture developed.

Fast forward to 2018, the winningest NCAA Division II program of the decade aims to bounce back from a 9-3 season. On Aug. 30, the task begins as the Bearcats take on Missouri Western under the lights.

By the time kickoff arrives, the sea of green will fill Bearcat Stadium. The energy will be electric, and the team will attempt to build off of it.

A few of Northwest’s fall programs don’t have the chance to feed off a large crowd.

In the last year, the University has had the chance to change reputations following the resignations of soccer coach Tracy Hoza and women’s basketball coach Buck Scheel.

Northwest also had to find someone to build upon the foundation longtime cross country and track and field coach Scott Lorek built through his 14 year tenure in Maryville.

As the 2018-19 school year begins, soccer coach Marc Gordon, women’s basketball coach Austin Meyer and cross country and track and field coach Brandon Masters set out for a task similar to what Tjeerdsma faced 24 years ago.

The three new coaches have put their own plan into place to develop programs that have the chance to compete in the top of the conference.

Each team’s culture may look a little different in the process. At the same time, a family mentality the department prides itself on will be built.

For the last eight months, Gordon has worked to bring the same values which created success at Ottawa University to Bearcat soccer.

Before Northwest football kicks its season off Aug. 30, Gordon has the chance to see where his team is at as it hosts William Jewell at 3 p.m.

It’s an opportunity for fans to witness the beginning of a new era, while creating an exciting environment for the athletes competing.

Soccer may not be something students traditionally think about at Northwest, but there is an opportunity to add tradition awaiting.

Masters has had the last month to get to know who his athletes have the chance to be.

The track and field and cross country programs already prided itself on family values before Masters arrived.

Now, he has the chance to continue the growth the program has seen over the last few seasons. He did just the same with the track and field program at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Cross Country has its only home meet of the season as it hosts the Bearcat Open at 6 p.m. Aug. 31.

It’s a chance to root on some of the program’s top athletes as it sets out to fight into the top portion of the conference.

Meyer’s women’s basketball program does not officially kick its season off for another two months, but he has made an emphasis on recruiting since he switched over from the men’s program.

Northwest’s volleyball, baseball and softball programs have the chance to continue the growth they have seen over the past few seasons as well.

Volleyball is off to a 4-0 start to the season, and has a large group of seniors who are hungry to keep the program near the top of the MIAA.

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